Keep the Beat: Heart Healthy South Central Phoenix

Mountain Park Health Center and Black Nurses Association of Greater Phoenix





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- Created in response to an RFP by the Arizona Department of Health Services relating to chronic disease prevention
- Responding to a health disparity related to cardiovascular disease among African Americans and Hispanics in South Phoenix





CVD Risk by Race/Ethnicity Age Adjusted Mortality Rates (ADHS, 2001)

| | CVD Mortality Rate | Stroke Mortality Rate | Hypertension Mortality Rate |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| African American | 388.1 | 79.6 | 11.2 |
| Hispanic | 281.4 | 55.4 | 7.3 |
| White | 165.8 | 46.2 | 5.2 |

Keep the Beat: Approach

- Target a defined community
- Establish a program model
- Combine clinical screening services with outreach and education
- Establish a partnership with an organization with experience and credibility in the African American community

Keep the Beat: Program Model

- Based upon Liskin¹ model
- Emphasizes knowledge, attitude (vulnerability), skills building (e.g., healthy cooking classes), social network, and access to services

¹Liskin L, Church CA, Piotrow PT, Harris JA. AIDS education: a beginning. Popul Rep. 8:1-32, 1989



Mountain Park Health Center

- Private, non-profit community health center
- Comprehensive primary health care provider
- Sites in S. Phoenix, Maryvale, Tolleson and E. Phoenix
- 45,000 patients seen annually
- 85% live in poverty; 85% Hispanic





Black Nurses Association of Greater Phoenix

- 25-year old non-profit organization
- Mission to address health needs of African American community
- Through St. Luke's grant, has been providing CVD education to African American churches



Keep the Beat: Agency Roles

- Black Nurses Association: Outreach and education in African American community
- Mountain Park Health Center: Clinical screening services, education, disease management



Keep the Beat: Activities

Black Nurses Association

- Community CVD education
- Blood pressure screenings
- Healthy cooking classes
- Walking programs

Mountain Park Health Center

- CVD screening clinics
- CVD data registry
- Individual/group risk reduction counseling



Keep the Beat: Target Locations

- South-Central Phoenix area
- Outreach/education: churches, worksites, health care education, community centers, barber shops, and health fairs,
- Screening and early detection: community health fairs, MPHC screening clinics



Keep the Beat: Implementation

- MPHC and the Black Nurses Association hired program coordinators
- Marketing program and screening clinic availability advertised in local newspapers (*La Prensa Hispana* and the *Arizona Informant*)



Keep the Beat: Program Data Mountain Park Health Center

- ◆ Data from August 2004 March 2005
- Screened 296 individuals, 82 of which have become MPHC patients
- Of the 296, 212 (71%) have been female;
 251 (85%) Hispanic; 162 (55%) between 30
 - -49 years of age and 87 (29%) 50 + years



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- ◆ BMI: 214 calculated
- ◆ 121 (56%) obese; 55 (25%) overweight
- ◆ <u>Blood pressure</u>: 222 individuals tested
- ◆ 175 (79%) bp > 130/80
- ◆ 58 (26%) bp > 140/90



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- Of the 82 individuals who became MPHC patients after the initial CVD screening:
- ◆ 27 (33%) diagnosed with hypertension
- 33 (40%) diagnosed with type 2 diabetes
- * 31 of 62 tested had cholesterol > 200

Keep the Beat: Program Data Black Nurses Association

- 169 individuals enrolled in a walking group
- More than 200 individuals have received blood pressure screening; 15% rate of high blood pressure
- Outreach and education delivered to hundreds of individuals through community presentations, worksite presentations, barber shops, health fair participation, health professional school training, fraternal organizations

Keep the Beat: Lessons Learned

- Screenings seem to attract high risk individuals, not just "worried well"
- Flexibility important in terms of education venues; remain opportunistic
- Involvement of health care provider in screening creates convenient referral for individuals without a medical home